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GUITAR HERITAGE

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An outstanding feature of classical guitar music of the twentieth century is the prolific outpourings of music written by composers outside Europe. Among these is Julio Sagreras of Argentina who composed some of the most ubiquitous yet enigmatic works of guitar music found in the guitar literature of the present century. Although most of his musical compositions have been neglected, several generations of guitar students from around the world have been taught, or have at least been exposed to, his didactic works, specifically the six volume Lecciones de Guitarra. Besides being recognized as one of the most commonly used collections of guitar music in music curricula in the world, they represent a culmination of musical styles and pedagogy of the first half of this century. This was funnelled through the Argentinian classical guitar tradition, whose composer-guitarists created a vast body of guitar music synthesizing their criollo (traditional music) styles and forms to European music.

Julio Sagreras' Lecciones are highly valuable for their careful and calculated integration of technique and musical development presented in a progressive fashion. They achieved a level of intrinsic beauty which is rare in the field of didactic literature. For the student who wishes to understand the intricacies and nuances of South American guitar music they provide a source of musical forms, techniques and rhythms that can be ultimately developed into a solid foundation, for the continued study and performance of that particular genre. For these reasons many of his Studies have been absorbed into the repertoire of performing guitarists. Among the giants of South American guitar composers, Sagreras belongs to the ranks of Agustín Barrios, Abel Carlevaro, Antonio Lauro, Isaías Savio and Heitor Villa-Lobos for having contributed an indispensable body of works to the guitar repertoire.

Enquiries about the music and the life of Julio Sagreras have continued to increase. Until 1986, only scant information about his life was available. The two main sources were, Ricardo Muñoz La Historia de la Guitarra (1931), and Domingo Prat Diccionario Biográfico, Bibliográfico, Histórico, Crítico de Guitarras, Guitarristas, Danzas y Cantos y Terminología (1934). Both books include a current history of his career and praise his playing ability and output as a composer. However, they do not offer any information about his personal life or musical influence, nor do they give an accurate biography.

A more comprehensive account of Julio Sagreras' life was obtained by me with the cooperation of surviving relatives or colleagues. These ranged from personal interviews, to access to documents from archives and to music scores.

Before embarking on the life of Julio Sagreras, some comments on the cultural setting in Buenos Aires during his lifetime should be discussed, as they provide an insight into his artistic development. This city provided a fertile environment for the arts, and it particularly favoured the guitar.

Julio S. Sagreras lived during the "golden age" of the classic guitar in Buenos Aires as one of its most important figures. He devoted his time on the guitar as a player, composer and teacher, achieving stature in each role. He was an embodiment of that era in Argentinian guitar history, and the musical tastes and styles of that epoch are reflected in his musical works.

Sagreras' lifetime (1879-1942) roughly corresponded to the economic boom years in Argentina's history. Agricultural riches in cattle and wheat, along with industrial might, made the nation one of the ten most prosperous in the world at that time. Vast waves of European immigrants were attracted by Argentina's open immigration policy and bountiful resources. As the capital and economic hub of the nation, Buenos Aires benefited greatly from this wealth, and the city provided for such generous support of the arts that it was dubbed the "Paris of South America" by travellers. The high literacy rate also contributed to public support of the arts. The city became a world centre for many international artists during the twentieth century (Béhague 1980:566).

By this time, the guitar had become established as the national instrument, not only of the lower and middle classes, but also of the professional and upper classes. A newspaper account from Buenos Aires' El País from 1906 illustrates the interest for the guitar.

Desde que en la Casa Rosada hay actualmente un ministro guitarrístico... y tenemos jueces, legisladores, médicos, abogados y hasta sabios que se entregan con pasión a las intimidades del poético instrumento..."

(From the Pink House [presidential residence] there actually is a guitarist-minister... and we also have judges, legislators, doctors, lawyers and even wise men that give themselves with passion to the intimacies of this poetic instrument).

(El País, August 4, 1901).

This widespread support provided guitarists with a large audience and many students, thus enabling them to make a decent living. The guitar community became so large and supportive that it led many influential guitarists to emigrate to Buenos Aires "...at that time, Barcelona and Buenos Aires were the centres for the classical guitar in the world..." (Torre 1985:27). Sagreras' father, Gaspar Sagreras emigrated to Buenos Aires during this period, along with a considerable number of guitar players and luthiers.

It can be said that Julio Salvador Sagreras' career was set at birth. Born to two guitarists, Gaspar Sagreras and Dolores Ramírez on November 22, 1879, Sagreras grew up in a household where the guitar was an important feature of daily life. Gaspar Sagreras began to teach his son the guitar at an early age. The father based his technical training on the music of the great Dionisio Aguado, who was to be one of the major musical influences in his son's life. At the age of six, Julio featured in recitals in Porteño salon society. Because his predilection for music was evident early on, Julio Sagreras was tutored in the serious study of music. He entered the Conservatorio Williams at the age of twelve, studying piano and composition, becoming a disciple of Marchal, a professor of harmony. He progressed so quickly in his musical studies that he became a professor of guitar at the Academia de Bellas Artes at the age of twenty. At this time, the guitar was rarely taught in Conservatories.

Sagreras began his professional career in his late teens, a career which was initiated as a result of a disagreement with his father. Sagreras had shown his father a transcription for two guitars of Beethoven's *Sonata Pathétique*. His father deemed it unplayable, causing Julio to leave his parent's house with his belongings. Father and son were not reconciled until ten years later, and only when the father heard this transcription being played at one of his son's concerts.

Julio supported himself by giving concerts, teaching, and selling his compositions. Francisco Nuñez, a music publisher, patronized the young Sagreras by paying a nominal price for each composition, resulting in over 100 compositions being published by the time Julio Sagreras reached nineteen. Through his enterprise, he became an established guitarist by the age of 20. By 1905, he had left the Conservatory to form his own school, the *Academia de Guitarra*, the income from which was to sustain him through the rest of his life.

During this time, Julio Sagreras married and began to raise a family of five children. One daughter, Julia Celia Sagreras Fossa, was trained by her father as a concert guitarist. However, at the beginning of her career she gave up the guitar and entered a convent; no explanation was offered to me by her sister. Her disappointed father was not even a religious man.

It is necessary to examine Sagreras' adult career under three categories, due to his accomplishments in each area.

His role as player, composer and teacher reveals his multifaceted approach to the instrument.

Concert Career

Julio Sagreras' concert career lasted roughly from 1900 to 1925, with intermittent performances until 1936. He performed mainly in salons and recital halls in Buenos Aires, but he also gave concerts throughout Argentina and in Montevideo. By written accounts, he was a virtuoso player and was definitely one of the leading guitarists of his time. Nevertheless, according to his daughter, Zarina Firmenich, he did not have the ambition to pursue an international concert career.

Domingo Prat praises Sagreras but also chides him for his infrequent appearances in the following statement found in his article on Sagreras from the *Diccionario*:

"La inteligencia y labor de Julio Sagreras le han valido su "Torre de Marfil," donde se cobijó con sus preciados retoños, ha podido darse el placer de cruzar los mares y pasear por la vieja Europa en muy justa recompensa. Sagreras es hoy una hermosa página viviente de la historia de la guitarra en Argentina."

(The intelligence and labour of Julio Sagreras have validated his "ivory tower" [Buenos Aires] where he nestles himself with precious fruits [referring to his music]; he could have given himself the pleasure of crossing the seas and touring old Europe with justifiable rewards. Sagreras is today a beautiful living chapter of the history of the guitar in Argentina).

(Prat 1934:278)

The following excerpts, taken from a concert review, demonstrate the acclaim Sagreras received as an artist in Buenos Aires and Montevideo and also reveal his nationalism:

"Anoche, en el concierto celebrado en el salón del Operi Italiani, se hizo muy entusiastas ovaciones al brillante guitarrista argentino, Julio S. Sagreras. Sagreras es un selecto, un exquisito, un aristócrata del talento... Para él no hay dificultades, ni de ejecución ni de interpretación. Su maestría llega a lo absoluto... Sagreras hay obtenido grandes triunfos artísticos. La alta crítica le aplaudió más de una vez. En Montevideo le dedicaron artículos muy conceptuosos (los escritores) Moncade, Blixen, Bachini, etc... Pocas veces se hace oír en público. Es un buen criollo, franco, expansivo,

enamorado del arte, pero enemigo de exhibicionismo. Nuestro aplauso al talentoso músico criollo." (El Pulgarcito, Sept. 7, 19??)

(Last night in a celebrated concert in the salon of the Opera Italiani, many enthusiastic ovations were given to the brilliant Argentinian guitarist, Julio S. Sagreras. Sagreras is a selected, exquisite [player], an aristocrat

of talent... For him there are no difficulties in execution nor interpretation. His mastery [of music] is absolute... Sagreras has obtained great artistic triumphs... The critics have applauded him More than once. In Montevideo they [the writers] dedicated keen articles to him, Moncade, Blixen, Bachini, etc.... Few times does he play in public. He is a good criollo, frank, worldly, in love with art but an enemy of exhibitionism. Our applause to this talented player of criollo music.) [Criollo, in this quote means "Argentine" or a "real Argentinian".]

Julio Sagreras' concert programmes included European and Spanish repertoire, transcriptions and original compositions based on *criollo* music. Many times he would feature guitar duos with one or other of his colleagues such as Antonio Sinópoli and Juan Alais or sometimes his daughter. His favourite concert guitar was built in 1906 by Francisco Nuñez, an Argentine maker. He supported the guitar makers of Buenos Aires instead of purchasing European instruments.

Sagreras shied away from recordings, probably, according to Firmenich, due to the lack of quality found in early phonographic recordings. Of course, the consequences of his judgement resulted in the lack of any recordings of himself for future generations to evaluate, and it restricted his fame to a regional level. However, he did make radio broadcasts in 1936, from a radio station in Buenos Aires.

Career as a Composer

Julio Sagreras was a prolific composer. According to Ricardo Muñoz he composed over 118 works for the guitar, thirty eight known works for piano, three Zarzuelas (Spanish light operas) and an indeterminable number of tangos composed at the time of the publication of Muñoz's book, Historia de la Guitarra (1931). These figures need qualification; some may be lost, or un-released by publishers, or for that matter may never have been published. There are unpublished works by Sagreras in the hands of his surviving family. Conflicting figures are quoted in the scanty biographies written during his lifetime by Prat and Muñoz, most probably due to reasons previously cited. From examining old catalogue listings, and from the description given by Zarina Firmenich of her father's compositional fervour, we can say that Sagreras wrote a large body of guitar music. Composing was a part of his daily routine.

During the early part of his career he published a large body of guitar music through Casa Nuñez. The exact number is unknown; however it must have been significant, since Nuñez at this time supported the young Sagreras by paying him one peso for each composition (personal conversation with Firmenich 1986). Important works that have survived from this period include: 10 Sonatina-Estudios, Sherzo, and Rapsodia Sobre Motivos Criollos. His Sonatina-Estudios are modelled on Aguado. Rapsodia Sobre Motivos Criollos is a suite of short guitar pieces utilizing criollo (traditional) forms including a tango.

During the 1920s, Sagreras changed to the publishing house of Casa Romero y Fernández. Pieces written during this time include La Cajita de Música, La Güeya (a criollo dance), and El Colibrí. The latter is the best known Sagreras work and is still in the contemporary concert repertoire. It is a short programmatic piece that imitates the flight of a humming bird.

Among the last pieces composed before his death are Flor de Pasión and Chacarera (a gaucho dance). The publishing house Ricordi Americana bought the rights to his music after his death. Sagreras also wrote tangos, most of them for one or two guitars. Among these are: Cha ka cha, Don Julio, and El Escandaloso. For unknown reasons they were published under the pseudonym S. Regresa (Prat 1934:278). He also composed three zarzuelas from 1900 to 1904, El Cura Suplente, La Isla Norte, and Afilar en Bicicleta. A leading contemporary singer, Lola Membrina sang in these productions. Membrina also happened to be one of Sagreras' students. Prat recalls that they were a popular sensation during their time. (Prat 1934:278)

Teaching Career

After establishing his Academia de Guitarra in 1905, Sagreras remained independent from the Conservatory. He sustained an average of 38 students a week throughout his career. These included amateur guitarists, as well as personalities from Buenos Aires society. He also had several successful students such as Antonio Sinópoli and Elsa Molino, who were to become recognized concert artists.

During the 1920s and into the 1930s Sagreras worked on his Lecciones de Guitarra, his most recognized achievement. They are a six volume progressive method of studies based on the principles of Aguado and Tárrega. They were originally intended for use by his students and any other interested party, and he certainly did not conceive that his Lecciones de Guitarra would become known worldwide. His family did not receive substantial royalties

until the 1960s. Since then, sales of the *Lecciones* have continue to climb.

The vast industry of this man is illustrated in Zarina Firmenich's account of her father's home life. She describes her father as a "19th century man living in the 20th century". The household was run in typical 19th century fashion, with Sagreras devoting his time to work while his wife tended the house and children. He would rise at six o'clock to begin his work of practising, composing, arranging and teaching. Zarina Firmenich remembers him writing music whilst at the dinner table, using the back of his guitar as a desk on his lap, occasionally flipping it over and playing passages. Undoubtedly, he was a very disciplined man, and his home life permitted him to devote his energies to his instrument.

Sagreras associated with many guitarists, including most of the prominent guitarists of his day: Domingo Prat, Miguel Llobet, Andrés Segovia and Emilio Pujol. He was said to have had a pleasant, worldly character. According to his daughter, he harboured no rivalries. Human nature inclines us to believe otherwise, but his daughter and sonin-law, Zarina and Victor Firmenich, recalled his definitely positive character. Towards the end of his life, Sagreras was the founder and first president of the Asociación Guitarrística Argentina, the largest guitar society in Buenos Aires in 1936. It published a periodical, Revista de la Guitarra, from 1936 to 1944, while sponsoring concerts and activities for its members. His elevation to this post demonstrates the respect he was held in by the guitar community, and the social astuteness he must have had to obtain such a post.

Sagreras continued to compose, concentrating on didactic material, until July 20, 1942, when he died after a long respiratory illness. His daughter claims that he was working until the end on various projects. Among them was a revision of Aguado's method, with modernized fingering. In his own words, as stated in the prologue of his sixth volume of the *Lecciones*:

"No creo haber dado fin a mi obra con la publicación de este libro y si Dios prolonga mi vida algunos años mas, intentaré componer una nueva serie más importante"

(I do not believe that I can consider my work finished with the publication of this volume and if God grants me a few more years, I intend to create a new series more important than the previous one).

At his funeral, the president of the Asociación Guitarrista Argentina included these words in the eulogy:

"...Perteneció Sagreras a una generación brillante y selecta de maestros y fué uno de los hombres que han hecho honor a la guitarra argentina."

(Sagreras belonged to a brilliant and select generation of Maestros, and became one of those who brought honour to the guitar in Argentina).

(Revista de la Guitarra, 1942, No,. 10:7)

Epilogue

Sagreras' works began to spread worldwide during the 1960s. Juan Mercadal, the famous Cuban guitarist, introduced the *Lecciones* to North America and premiered his works in concerts throughout the continent during the mid-1960s. *El Colibrí* began to appear in guitar recordings by various distinguished guitarists, including Mercadal. Elsewhere in Europe, South America and Japan, guitar teachers realised the value of his progressive studies and incorporated them into guitar curricula. His popularity reached such a level that in 1979 *Ricordi Americana* presented a centennial ceremony in his honour. As related to me by Zarina Firmenich, dignitaries included such people as the President of the Japanese Classic Guitar Society, who laid a wreath on his grave.

It is hoped that the new availability, in this five volume reissue, of Sagreras' *Lecciones*, Studies original compositions and transcriptions, will shed more light on the mystery of Julio Sagreras and contribute to a better understanding of his music and a widening of the guitar repertoire.

Jaime Guiscafré, 1993 [English Translations by Jaime Guiscafré]

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Critical Commentary

Here is a list of errors and suggestions for your guidance. Although it is comprehensive it cannot be claimed to be complete.		op.7 1.2.2i	Venecia, Barcarola, Capricho bass in chord is c# not a#, fingering is 4, 3, 2, 1	
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Ref	ference	are:	2.6.5iv	c dotted 1/8 note
Page. Stave. Bar beat.		2.7.3iv	f# dotted 1/8th note	
eg Z	2.4.5iv	would refer to page 2, stave 4, bar 5, 4th beat.	3.2.2i	1/4 rest missing
			3.2.2iii	1st chord 1/8th not 1/4 notes
op.l	L	Dulces Cadenas, Mazurka de Salón	3.3.5vi	chord fingered 1, 1, 1, 2
	2.3.3ii	c nat. not c# in melody	3.6.1i	ties one and g# from previous bar missing
	3.2.3ii	66 66 66 66 66	3.7.1i	1/4 rest missing
	3.3.5ii		1	2nd bass note 1/8th not 1/4 note
	3.4.3i	bass note "a" on open 5th string appears to be missing	4.3.3ii	
			op.8	Cadenciosa, Habanera
op.2	2	Quejas Amorosas, Vals	1.1.2i	d in triplet is nat. 1.3.1i d in triplet is nat.
_	1.4.liii	slide to next bar probably on (3) not (2)	1.5.4i	chord probably e#, g#, d (also following 2 chords)
		top note in chord is g nat. 3.8.6ii d(2) 1/8 not 1/4	1.7.4ii	last 2 chords probably c, f#, d or maybe
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		fingering 2, 3, 1 not 3, 2, 1	3.7.3i	chord dotted 1/8th note
	2.8.2i	fingering 2, 3, 1 not 3, 2, 1	3.7.3ii	1/8th note dotted
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	3.2.4	string indications are 1, 2, 3, 4 not 2, 3, 4, 5	3.7.5i	
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	3.5.3ií	1/8 note is dotted	3.7.5ii	1/8th note dotted
	3.8.2	fingering should be 4, 2, 1, 0, 4, 1, 0, 2	3.8.2i	chord dotted 1/8th note
	4.1.3i	d(3) should be d#	3.8.2ii	1/8th note dotted
	4.1.4i	fingering should be 2 on e(4), 3 on c#(2)		
	4.6.4ii	notes should be a, f, c, e not a, d, f, e	op.10	Zamba ·
	4.6.2i	finger 3 not 2 on a(3) 5.2.1v c(3) should be c nat.	1.3.4iv	c nat.
op.5	5	Espontánea, Gavota	op.14	Miradas y Sonrisas, Vals para Guitarra
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2.3.1iv	probably f# not f in bass	3.2.3i	a not b in bass
2.5.2iv	1st chord possibly either e, f#, c or d, g#, c	3.4.2	middle voice f nat both chords 3.6.3i bass a not c
3.3.1ii	last 1/16th note d nat		
3.4.2iv	f, e not e, e in middle voice	op.44	Filigrana, Vals
3.7.1iii	bass in chord f not a (cfr. 3.6.1iii)	3.2.3i	upper voice d#
		3.4.1i	a not c in bass
op.22	Arrullos, Vals	3.4.6	1st note probably c#
2.4.3	both d's are nat.	3.8.6i	upper voice d#
op.24	Delia, Vals Guitarra	op.45	Sonatina, Estudio No. 5
3.5. 11	c is #	2.3.3ii	bass g nat.
3.5.2ii	c is #	2.4.1ii	both notes probably b flat 3.3.3i 1st note in triplet
		c nat.	
op.25	Sonatina-Estudio No. 2	3.6.2ii	bass g nat.
2.5.1	g# not g in accompaniment	3.6.3ii	both notes probably b flat
op.26	Magdalena, Vals	ор.46	Sonatina, Estudio No. 6
2.4.6i	bass c# could be b#	ор.40	Time signature 2/4 not 3/4
2.4.01	bass ch could be bh	2.1.2	3rd 1/16ths are a+e not b+e
op.29	La Elegante, 2° Gavota	3.3.2ii	3rd 1/16 is a nat.
2.6.2iv	d nat in upper voice	3.4.1i	2nd b could be #
2.7.3iii	g nat. in bass	3.4.11	Zild 0 could be #
3.4.3iii	g nat. in bass 3.6.2i d# not d	op.47	Sonatina, Estudio No. 7
3.1.311	g hat. In bass 3.0.21 an not a	2.3.1	last c in bar is nat. 2.5.3
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3.3.4ii	g# not g nat.	op.49	La Ideal, Romanza sin palabras
3.4.3ii	b flat as in following chord	2.2.6i	a is # (cfr. 2.1.2i)
		2.3.2i	a is # (cfr. 2.1.4i)
op.33	El Andalúz, Tango Clásico	2.4.3i	grace note probably c
3.3.2ii	top note of chord c nat.	2.4.3i	d# in chord
3.3.5i	1st tied note probably e not f 3.7.4i 1st chord g#, d, f	3.2.4i	1st note upper voice b not c (cfr. 3.5.5i)
		3.3.2ii	a nat. in chord
op.34	La Napolitana, Tarantella	3.4.4i	chord with a#, g nat. (cfr.3.7.5i)
3.1.2iv	d nat. not d# in chord	3.6.3ii	a nat. in chord
3.1.6iv	66 66 66 66 66		
3.1.7iv	e not g in bass	op.50	La Aristocrática, Gavotta No. 3
3.3.4iv	d nat. not d# in chord	2.3	key signature missing
3.4.1iv	66 66 66 66 66	2.4.5i	top note of chord d
		2.5.8iii	last rest in bar 1/4 rest 3.1.2i d# in chord
ор.36	Reminiscencias, Nocturno	3.4.2ii	b nat. in chord 3.4.3i b nat. in upper voice
2.3.6ii	4 is a string no. not a finger	3.9.6ii	bass g not e in chord
op.40	La Espiritual, Romanza sin palabras	op.51	La Bailable, Mazurka
3.3	key signature (f#) is missing	2.6.3ii	f# not f in chord
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op.41	Elisa, Mazurka	3.7.6ii	top note of chord probably d not c#
2.5.4iii	chords possibly e, f# d and d, f#, b nat. (cfr. 3.7.1iii)	3.8.5	last chord in bar with d nat.
2.5.5	both chords with b nat	50	El Decesio - W.I.
3.1.4i	e bass dotted 1/4	op.52	El Rosarino, Vals
3.1.5i	1st bass 1/2 not 1/4	3.1.1ii	b flat not c in chord (cfr.3.3.4)
3.4.2	2nd and 3rd chords c nat.	3.4.2	a not b in bass (cfr. 3.1.6)
3.5.5	1st chord 4 notes, remove g(2) (cfr. 2.4.1i)	3.6.7	a not b in bass
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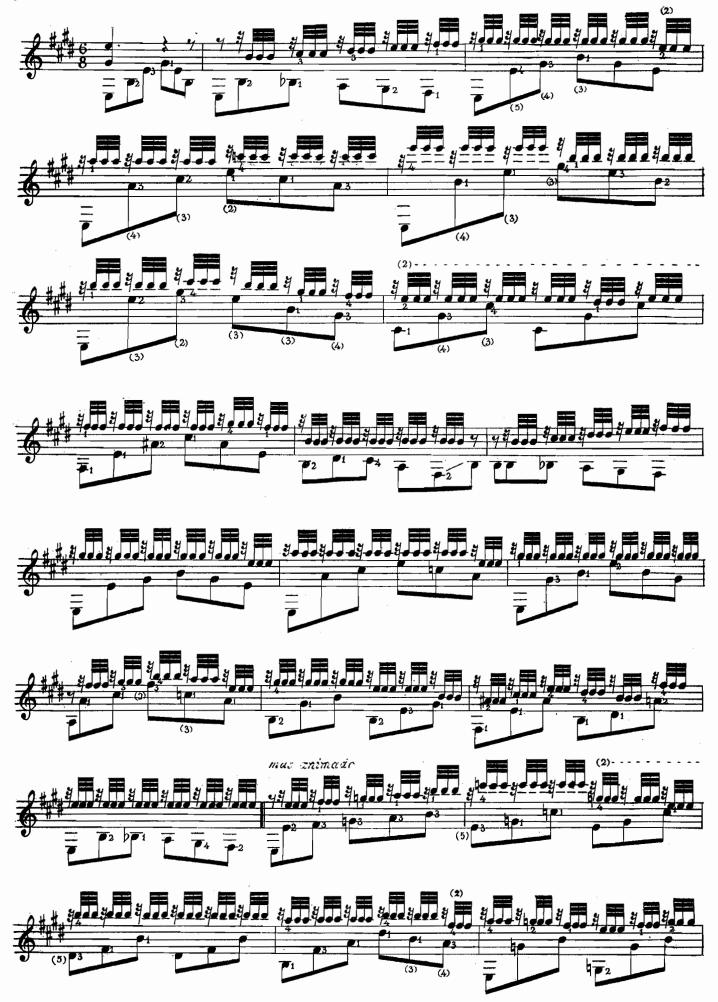














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